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SUBJ: VISIT LIBYAN AGRICULTURE OFFICIAL TO U.S.

REF: TRIPOLI 202, 254; STATE 38945

1. AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE CONSULTATIONS (ASAC) FRANK FRAZIER, AND DR. CLAUDE FLY, NOW SEEKING INTERESTED CONSULTING FIRMS TO COME TO LIBYA SOONEST. ONE FIRM, SUPERIOR FARMING CO., BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, WITH OFFICES WASHINGTON D.C. HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO MAKE PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF KUFRA AND TAZERBO PROJECTS.

2. POST URGED TO ESTABLISH ON PRIORITY BASIS ARRANGEMENTS FOR INVITATIONS AND EXPENSES TO BE PAID THROUGH LIBYAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, MENTIONED PARA 2, REFTEL 254. IN THIS CONNECTION, TOP LEVEL CONSULTANTS EXPECT FEES BUT AMOUNT IS NEGOTIABLE. PROSPECTIVE CONSULTANTS WILL NEED TO KNOW APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF TIME LARG EXPECTS PRELIMINARY STUDIES TO TAKE.

3. ROBERT SCHRAMM, V.P., SUPERIOR FARMING, AND HEAD
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OF WASHINGTON OFFICE, INDICATED HIS INTENTIONS OF COMING

TO LIBYA IN MAY BUT IN LIGHT OF URGENCY REFTELS INDICATES
WILLINGNESS TO ADVANCE TRIP TO ON OR ABOUT MARCH 20.
SUPERIOR IS MAJOR DIVERSIFIED COMPANY WITH OVER 37,000
ACRES UNDER CULTIVATION IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
COMPANY IS CONSIDERED ONE OF LEADERS IN NEW DRIP (OR
TRICKLE) TYPE IRRIGATION TECHNIQUES WITH OVER 5,000
ACRES IN USE AND 4,000 PLANNED. POST WILL BE ADVISED
IMMEDIATELY AS OTHER POTENTIAL CONSULTANTS DEVELOP.

4. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON NEEDS OR OTHER
REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO PROPOSED PROJECTS WILL BE
HELPFUL IN CONSULTANTS PREPARATION FOR TRIP TO LIBYA.
ADVISE SOONEST OF PROPER CONTACT LIBYAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON.

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